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Title: Method and Auxiliary Device for Leasing Threads into Guide Elements of a Handling Device for Handling Threads and a Handling Device of This Type

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-18 and insert new claims 19-36.

--19. A method for leasing threads into elements of a treatment device for treating the threads such as into combs or reeds of a sizing installation, comprising the steps of
leasing the threads into at least one leasing comb
fastening the threads onto said comb
subsequently pulling the threads with the leasing comb through the treatment device,
whereby the threads are transferred to the guide elements.

20. A method according to claim 19, where in the leasing comb is pulled in steps through the device,

whereby the movement of the leasing comb in each case after passing a guide element is temporarily interrupted and

wherein the leasing comb is positioned with respect to the guide element before the threads are transferred to the guide element.